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FOR: DECODING AND CODING METHOD
 OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL, AND
 DECODING AND CODING APPARATUS
 OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL USING
 THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This amendment is being timely filed in response to the Office Action
 mailed December 5, 2000 (Paper No. 11).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-5, and 7-11 as follows:

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- 1 1. (Twice Amended) A method of decoding a moving image
 2 signal, the image signal being a stream of pixel blocks segregated into video
 C 1 3 frames, the method comprising the steps of: